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US Patent Application USSN 09/735,099  
Inventor: Dapprich et al.  
Title: Method for Selectively Isolating a Nucleic Acid  
Our Docket No.: 22650-001 CIP

Dear Examiner Forman:

Enclosed please find Supplemental Response to November 19, 2001 Office Action and Certificate of Transmission for the above-referenced application.

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Sincerely,

David E. Johnson

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APPLICANT: Dapprich et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/735,099  
FILING DATE: December 11, 2000  
FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID  
EXAMINER: Betty J. Forman  
ART UNIT: 1632

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**Supplemental Response to November 19, 2001 Office Action**

Further to the responses submitted May 19, 2002 and July 11, 2002, and to the August 22, 2002 interview and the September 17, 2002 telephonic interview with the Examiner, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the claims:**

1. (Twice Amended) A method for separating a nucleic acid of interest from a population of nucleic acid molecules, the method comprising;

C1 providing a population of nucleic acid molecules comprising at least one nucleic acid sequence of interest, wherein said at least one nucleic acid sequence of interest includes a target nucleic acid sequence in the vicinity of a distinguishing element;